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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the following sentences in the Detailed Description of the Invention as follows:

At Page 11, line 22:pattern of light ~~32~~ 33 exiting optical element 20 at its flat surface 25.

At Page 13, line 9:degree of refraction within optical element 20, and, consequently, a pattern of light ~~32~~ 33 exiting from.....

At Page 14, line 5: means 40. Thus, the pattern of light ~~32~~ 33 emanating from the distal end of stem 16 will.....